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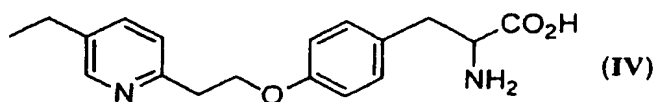
TITLE

AN INTERMEDIATE THAT CAN BE USED FOR THE PREPARATION OF
PIOGLITAZONE

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ABSTRACT

10 The present invention relates to a novel compound
of formula (IV)



15 which is an intermediate that can be used for the
preparation of pioglitazone. It also relates to a
method of obtaining the novel compound (IV) starting
from the natural product L-tyrosine, in which the amino
group is protected in the form of aromatic imino group,
and a method of obtaining pioglitazone from the said
intermediate.